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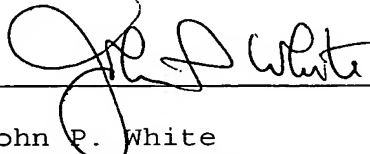
By this Preliminary Amendment, applicants have amended the specification to recite the continuing data for the above-identified application. In addition, applicants have amended the Abstract. Applicants maintain that the amendments to the specification raise no issue of new matter and respectfully request that this Preliminary Amendment be entered.

Claims 1-62 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, applicants have cancelled claims 1-9, 29, and 31-62 and have amended claims 12, 14-16, 18, 20-26, and 30 to eliminate multiple claim dependencies and to make minor conforming amendments. Accordingly, upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 10-28 and 30, as amended, will be pending.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

No fee, other than the enclosed filing fee of \$625.00, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. If any fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John P. White", is written over a horizontal line.

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